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COORDINATORS

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1. RESURGENCE PARTY WING COORDINATORS ABDOL MAJID MAJIDI AND HUGHANG ANSARY RESIGNED FROM THEIR PARTY POSITIONS FIVE WEEKS AGO CITING OTHER GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AS LEAVING THEM INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR PARTY ACTIVITIES. SPECULATION ON THEIR SUCCESSORS ORIGINALLY CENTERED ON INDIVIDUALS WITH LOWER GOVERNMENT PROFILES WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE ENERGY AND IMAGINATION TO THE PARTY. SELECTION OF SUCCESSORS TO MAJIDI AND ANSARY TOOK AN UNEXPECTEDLY LONG TIME, IN PART DUE TO EXTENSIVE DEBATE BOTH WITHIN THE PARTY AND IN PUBLIC ON REORGANIZATION OF PARTY STRUCTURE AND REVITALIZATION OF PARTY PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES. DURING THE PERIOD THAT NEW WING COORDINATORS WERE BEING SOUGHT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD WING, COMPOSED ESSENTIALLY OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS UNDER THE SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION, WAS ANNOUNCED BY PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AMOUZEGAR. AS REPORTED EARLIER (REFTELS) THE PARTY NOW HAS THREE NEW WING COORDINATORS, TWO OF WHOM, DESPITE EARLIER RUMORS, CURRENTLY HOLD HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT POSTS. IN ADDITION ANSARY HAS RETAINED A WING POST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE WING'S COORDINATING COUNCIL. BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC
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SKETCHES OF THE NEW COORDINATORS FOLLOW.

2. SENATOR NASROLLAH MOQTADER-MOZDEHI WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRESSIVE WING ON JUNE 18 OVER OTHER BETTER KNOWN CANDIDATES AHMAD QOREISHI AND GHOLAM REZA AFKHAMI. MOQTADER-MOZDEHI WAS BORN IN 1919 IN RASHT AND RECEIVED A MEDICAL DEGREE FROM TEHRAN UNI-

VERSITY IN 1946. HE LATER SPECIALIZED IN TROPICAL DISEASES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS SERVED AS DEPARTMENT HEAD AT PAHLAVI HOSPITAL AND BECAME HEAD OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AT TEHRAN UNIVERSITY IN 1968. HE WAS LATER DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AT TEHRAN UNIVERSITY AND IN SEPTEMBER 1973 BECAME CHANCELLOR OF FERDOWSI UNIVERSITY IN MASHAD. HE WAS ELECTED SENATOR FROM TEHRAN IN THE 1975 ELECTIONS. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ENGLISH.

3. ON JUNE 21 ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD WING WITH HUSHANG NAHAVANDI AS WING COORDINATOR WAS ANNOUNCED. NAHAVANDI, PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS, WHICH WILL ESSENTIALLY FORM THE NEW WING, IS CONCURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF EMPRESS FARAH'S SPECIAL BUREAU. NAHAVANDI, 48 ORIGINALLY A PROTEGE OF HASSAN ALI MANSUR AND A MEMBER OF THE IRAN NOVIN PARTY, HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EARLIER BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

4. CONSTRUCTIVE WING ON JULY 1 ANNOUNCED ELECTION OF MINISTER OF LABOR AMIR QASSEM MOIN AS WING COORDINATOR. MOINI, 53, HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL POSTS- HE WAS MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR 10 MONTHS BETWEEN STINTS AS LABOR MINISTER. HE HAS EXTENSIVE POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AS A FORMER DEPUTY AND WAS A LEADER IN THE RULING IRAN NOVIN PARTY PRIOR TO HIS INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CABINET IN CONFIDENTIAL

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